

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To prohibit the use of funds made available under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to purchase communications equipment or services that pose a national security risk.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Tele-
5 communications Security Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO PURCHASE**
2 **COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES**
3 **POSING NATIONAL SECURITY RISK.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The American Rescue Plan Act
5 of 2021 (Public Law 117–2; 135 Stat. 4) is amended by
6 adding at the end the following:

7 **“TITLE XII—NATIONAL SECUR-**
8 **RITY RESTRICTIONS ON USE**
9 **OF FUNDS**

10 **“SEC. 12001. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO PUR-**
11 **CHASE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR**
12 **SERVICES POSING NATIONAL SECURITY RISK.**

13 “None of the funds made available under this Act or
14 an amendment made by this Act may be used to purchase
15 any covered communications equipment or service, as de-
16 fined in section 9 of the Secure and Trusted Communica-
17 tions Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1608).”.

18 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
19 The table of contents in section 2 of the American Rescue
20 Plan Act of 2021 is amended by adding at the end the
21 following:

“TITLE XII—NATIONAL SECURITY RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF
FUNDS

“Sec. 12001. Prohibition on use of funds to purchase communica-
tion equipment or services posing national security risk.”.